Action for PLCs

March for our Rights!

The number of PLC students in Ireland has grown to 17,000. Despite that, the government have done little to improve the situation for us. PLC fees have been abolished, but that is just a small step in giving us a decent education. The real issues are: no grants; lack of facilities and no third level status.

Many of the courses in PLCs are the same as in the RTCs but PLC students don't get grants or the same recognition.
Despite lobbying Niamh Breathnach, Minister of Education, she has said that PLCs are second level colleges "nothing more and nothing less". The government are quite happy to increase the number of PLC students to 20,000 next year with no extra facilities.

Its now time to fight.

Polite lobbying has achieved nothing. Neither has carnival type demonstrations like November's USI march. What we need now is militant protests to make the government take action on education.

A National Committee with representatives from PLCs around the country has called a march for Thursday 23rd March. Everyone should join it and be prepared to show this government that we are no longer willing to put up with a second rate education.

1pm, Garden of Remembrance
Parnell Sq, Dublin
Thursday 23rd March